Termination of bookstall contract

1609. SHRI RAM NARESH KUSHAWAHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in 1983 the DRM/New Delhi had proposed termination of bookstall contract of M/s Gulab Singh and Sons at New Delhi station on account of unsatisfactory services; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that during the same period nine station bookstall contracts were terminated due to unsatisfactory service and the same bookstalls are still to be allotted to unemployed graduates, if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHR A B. A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir, But in view of the *status quo* orders passed by Delhi High Court, fresh awards of bookstall contracts could not materialise. The case is *sub-judice*.

Checking of self-medication

1610. SHRI ARABINDA GHOSH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to check self-medication indulged by the people which is induced by the advertisements of some multinational companies; and

(b) if so, what measures Government have taken so far in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (MISS KUMUD BEN M. JOSHI): (a) and (b) The following measures have been taken to check self-medication by way of regulating advertisements relating to drugs under the Drugs and Magic Remedies (Objectionable Advertisements) Act, 1954 and regulating sales of patent and psychotropic drugs under the Drugs and Cosmetics Rules:—

1. Section 4 of the Drugs and Magic Remedies (Objectionable Advertisements) Act, 1954 prohibits the misleading advertisements relating to drugs, which reads as under:

"Subject to the provisions of this Act, no person shall take part in the publication of any advertisement relating to a drug if the advertisement contains any matter which—

(i) directly or indirectly gives a false impression regarding the true character of the drug; or

(ii) makes a false claim for drug; or

(iii) is otherwise false or misleading in any material particular.

2. Section 3 of the Drugs and Magic Remedies (Objectionable Advertisements) Act, 1954, prohibits the publication of any advertisement referring to any drug in terms which suggest or are calculated to lead to the use of that drug, *interalia* for the diagnosis, cure, mitigation, treatment or prevention of any disease, disorder or condition specified in the Schedule to the Act.

3. Under the Drugs and Cosmetics Rules the sale of patent drugs as well as psychotropic substances are required to be made only against a prescription of a Registered Medical Practitioner.

Leprosy control in Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu

1611. SHRI ARABINDA GHOSH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that every fourth leper in the world is an Indian and the two worst affected States of Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu are miserably lagging behind in the matter of National Leprosy Control Programme;